

# THE LATE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LOCAL SPORT WORLD

## BASKETBALL LOOKS GOOD AT W.V.U.

Material in Sight is Best Looking in Many Years.

MOGANTOWN, Dec. 6.—Though the material has not yet been brought out on the "Ark" floor with the new coach in charge, the material that West Virginia university has for her 1919-20 basketball team is the best looking, by far, that she has ever had. In 1918 and again in 1919 it looked as if there was material for a wonderful team and in the last season the aggregation did start out like world beaters, but "flivvered" toward the last, losing its important games.

There have been so far fifty-seven candidates who have applied for uniforms and of this number nineteen have had experience at West Virginia. Nine of them, or almost enough for two teams, have won their "W. V." insignia here and every indication is that there will be the fiercest fight for positions that has ever been witnessed here.

Clay Hite, Frank Ice and Bill Morrison were members of the strong 1917 team; Welmer, Cutright and Hawkins played regularly in 1918 and in 1919 Homer Martin, the Captain-elect, "Big" Dawson, acting captain, George Hill, the star guard and Clem Kiger, the elongated center played regularly and are again candidates for the five. Luckey, Parker, Nefflen, Shugron, Chandler, Dewar, Widmeyer, Bickel, Sommer, Atkins and one or two others of less promise, have been active substitutes on former Varsity teams here and can be relied on for improved performances this year.

In the big squad of new men there are such promising men as "Widly" Neale and Joe Setron of Parkersburg; Gaines, Cashel and White of Charleston; Rugh of Indiana Normal; Gunning of Cumberland Y. Gross, formerly of the Pitt Freshmen; Woods of Princeton High; Hess of Fairmont; McBee of Fairview; Harman of New Martinsville and a score of others who are not so well known to scouts as the basketball.

## Now Driving Piles for East Side Bridge

Work of driving piles from which the false work on the east arch of the East Side bridge will be supported was begun yesterday by the J. E. Casey Construction company, Pittsburg, which has the contract to erect the same.

A steam hammer is used to drive the piles and this attracted many men and boys yesterday when the work was started. It will probably require a month to reach the first pier in the Monongahela river.

An ice cream freezer of English invention in which ice and salt are packed in a cylinder that revolves inside the cream, delivers its product in a continuous stream half a minute after a crank is turned.

A Chinaman who wears his spectacles in the presence of a guest or a social superior is held to be as rude as in this country we regard a man who fails to remove his hat when meeting women of his acquaintance.

## Ralph Miller



Miller is now playing center on the Fairmont Mining Machinery team in the city basketball league. He is a well known local athlete, having played with Fairmont High school and other teams for the last four years. Miller will be seen in action tonight on the Y floor at eight o'clock against the Monongah Glass Quintet.

## LEAGUE LEADERS TO PLAY IT OUT

Tonight at nine o'clock on the Y floor the Electricians will meet the West Virginian five of the City Basketball league to decide which team shall continue to be the top-notchers in the league. Both teams are about equal in previous battles, each having defeated the Watson Building and Monongah Glass quintets, although the Electricians have a few more field baskets to their credit than the Printers.

Jimmie Knight of the Electricians holds the record for scoring of the League, with Boehm of the West Virginians a close second. This game should be very fast, as both teams have been working hard this week. The Electricians probably will start the same lineup of last week, Mike Hamilton and Jimmie Knight at forwards, Campbell at center, Brownie Hamilton and Morgan at guards. The West Virginians, Boehm and Bell, forwards, Herb, Barnes, center, Doc Garrett and Phil, Irvy at guards.

Mid-West-Koppers meets the Watson Building at seven o'clock, and the Fairmont Mining Machinery will battle the Monongah Glass at eight. Both games should be fast and interesting. Admission of twenty-five cents for all three games.

Standing of the League.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
West Virginian	3	0	1.000
Electricians	3	0	1.000
Fmt. M. Co.	2	1	.667
Mid-West-Koppers	1	2	.333
Monongah Glass	0	3	.000
Watson Building	0	3	.000

## AMERICAN FARMER IS BEST IN WORLD

His Crops Last Year Worth Almost 16 Billion Dollars.

[By Associated Press] WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The American farmer leads the world in individual production of crops, Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture, asserted today in his annual report. While countries such as Belgium, under intensive farming, get a higher acreage yield, he said, taking both acreage and yield per acre into account, the American agriculturist produces two and a half times as much as his Belgian and German rivals, 2.3 times as much as the British farmer, 3.2 times as much as the French, and more than six times as much as the Italian.

The result of this and of the American farmer's war work is shown in the 1919 American crop production placed at three times greater in value than the average annual output during the five year period preceding the European war. The aggregate value of all crops this year is placed at \$15,873,000,000 as compared to \$4,222,000,000 in 1918 and an average of \$5,829,000,000 during the five year period.

Live stock on farms this year was valued at \$8,533,000,000 as against \$5,284,000,000 in 1918.

The average yield for all crops for the decade ending in 1918 is about 10 per cent. greater than for the average for the decade ending with 1890, the report said. The average rate of increase for the past 25 years is about one-half of one per cent. a year.

Estimates in the report put the 1919 wheat production at 918,471,000 bushels and corn at 2,910,250,000 bushels. Cotton is expected to reach 10,696,000 bales and tobacco 1,316,553,000 pounds.

"The farmers of the nation in 1919 planted an acreage in leading cereals greater by 33,000,000 than the pre-war annual average which, it is estimated, will yield 635,000,000 more than the pre-war average," Mr. Houston said of war work on the farms. "They increased the number of milk cows over 1914 by 2,700,000, of other cattle by 8,500,000, of swine by 15,700,000, and of horses and mules by 1,900,000, or a total of 28,000,000.

"The planting operations of the year began before the fighting ceased

and the call was still for more wheat. The department suggested a maximum fall average of 47,205,000 acres, an increase of 12 per cent. over 1918. There was actually planted 49,261,000, the largest acreage in the nation's history, 6,956,000 acres more than in 1918.

"The spring wheat acreage was 22,593,000 while the winter and spring plantings combined amounted to 71,654,000 acres or 7,200,000 more than the preceding record.

"It is estimated that the yield will exceed that of 1918 by 1,000,000 bushels and will be the nation's second record wheat crop. The estimated corn crop of 2,910,000,000 bushels will be 300,000,000 greater than that of 1918."

The Nation can further expand its output of commodities by cultivating unused tillable land, estimated at more than 60 per cent. of the total, the report states. Expansion is limited, however, by the supply of capital and labor.

No step to promote farmers' cooperative associations along the right lines, should be omitted, the Secretary said. It is estimated that these organizations market annually approximately \$1,500,000,000 worth of commodities.

Included in Mr. Houston's recommendations were the following:

The building up, primarily under state law, of a system of personal credit unions, for farmers whose financial status and operations make it difficult to secure accommodations through the ordinary channels; expansion of facilities for aiding in marketing, especially extension of the market news and food products inspection services; continuation of Federal participation in road building through an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for each of the next four years; regulation and control of stock yards and packing houses; Federal legislation to protect consumers against adulterated feeds and fertilizers; increased state support for rural schools and more definite instruction as to rural problems and conditions; legislation to improve rural sanitary conditions and provide hospital and medical facilities.

Mrs. Vinton Calvin who had been the guest of Mrs. W. L. Andrews has returned to her home in Ashland, Ky.

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By RAZZ BERRY.

A man with an idea is a rarity; sometimes an oddity; sometimes a nut. Babe Ruth has an idea he can train for a month and then challenge Jack Dempsey. Of course, if a moving picture press agent had the idea, there is nothing rare or odd or nutty about it. It is natural for a press agent to be that way. But where does Babe get that way?

Hitting the old apple for a stack of cakes is nothing like hitting Jack Dempsey for a row of barking dogs.

But it probably is a desire for publicity that promoted the idea. So here

are a few lines to help the work along.

Bill Carlisle is in jail again. He's got such a record as a robber they'll want him to umpire in the prison league next summer.

Maybe you have read all about our near-break with Mexico. Apparently there is as much kick in the near-break as there is in near-beer.

Great rejoicing in Oakland City, Ind. for Eddie Roush leads the National league in batting. Of course, that has been the case right along, but the statisticians just found it out.

Bob Martin may find it necessary to draw the color line in selecting his sparring partners. He smashed his hand on the head of Harry Robinson and then reassembled it on the head of Jeff Clarke. Neither of the sents mentioned are blonds.

A decapitated mail, if kept in a moist place, will in a few days grow a new head.

Thrift is a shield against money worries.

Buy a THRIFT STAMP every day!

## SHOPPING HINTS FOR MEN from OSGOOD'S

Opposite The Watson Building On Main Street

Come on in, Men-- We'll Help You Pick Xmas Gifts

Plainly speaking, this is the leading "Women's Specialty Store" in Central West Virginia. It's the place where most well-dressed women (not men) get the smart things they wear. Osgood's Suits, Coats, Hats, Blouses, Millinery and smaller Dress Accessories represent the highest standard in the Women's Apparel line which fact your wife, mother, sister, daughter or sweetheart will undoubtedly confirm.

Hand in hand with the popular tendency toward practical giving we have prepared unusually interesting Christmas stocks. And, in addition, we have planned to give them our most careful attention and most able service when they come to choose Gifts of Wearing Apparel for their womenfolk. There's no doubting that women appreciate good looking things to wear and with this fact as a guide many a man will wisely let us help him make this a Merry Christmas for the other half of the story.

- Handkerchiefs, 25c to \$1.50
- Blouses \$5.00 to \$25.00
- Silk Hose, \$1.00 to \$5.00
- Fur Scarfs, \$25.00 to \$150.
- FUR COATS, \$250.00 to \$375.00

"OSGOOD'S—Where Men Shop For Women"

# It is Our Business to Locate You. Let Us Know Your Requirements.--Levi B. Harr

**104 DIAMOND STREET.**  
Six room cottage house. The lot is large with a garage on the rear. This house is offered for \$3,450 on easy payments. Taking into consideration the river bridge and the East Side High School, this property will be considered worth the money.

**NORWOOD COTTAGE.**  
5 rooms on car line, near paved street, lot 50x120 feet, level and in good condition, and in good residence location. Will sell entire property at a bargain.

**NEW 6-ROOM BUNGALOW**  
Located on Morgantown avenue, corner to Maryland avenue, one block from Coogie's corner, near two car lines, new house well finished, complete from finished basement up. Corner lot 45 feet front and about 70 feet back. To look through the house will convince you if you desire such property, Brick \$4,500.

**BUILDING LOCATION.**  
Corner East Park avenue and Morgantown avenue, room for 3 houses, all conveniences, between two car lines, on paved road. Price \$2,750. On terms. Also lot on Gordon street, 37x180 feet, two fronts, large for two houses, price \$750.00.

**SPEEDWAY COTTAGE.**  
The handsome cottage of 5 rooms on the Speedway and car line at the upper end of the Owens plant, \$2750. The lot is large and the most desirable lot on the avenue.

**MARYLAND AVENUE BUNGALOW.**  
For quick sale, it requires a cash payment of \$2,000—any purchaser to meet terms will be shown the property. Will close on Monday or Tuesday of the week, the house has six rooms, good lot and basement. Price \$4,000.

**A MONEY MAKER.**  
The Hamilton Street Home near the corner of Monroe street is one of the easiest properties to pay for on the market today. 9 room house and cottage on rear of lot. The purchaser could live on the street floor and rent the cottage, basement and second floor to three families, having an income of \$50 monthly, price \$4,500. Start with \$1,000—and make the property assist you to own a good home.

**5 ROOMS, \$2,750.**  
\$500 cash and easy payments for this home, No. 218 Norval Street, next door to Mr. G. F. McCray, who recently purchased 220 on the street. This property is near Miller School, by going the Chicago street way and could not be built for the price if lot was free.

**4 ROOM COTTAGE**  
and 1 acre of land, at Jayenne, the land is rough, but its space and its rich, the terms are as you like it, little cash and \$25.00 monthly, anybody can buy, must be sold quick.

**EDGEMONT LOT.**  
On Street car line, near the station, fine level-laying 60x150 feet, \$1150, easy payments.

**NORWOOD HOME.**  
Near the big factories, 6 room house, water and gas, lot 60x125 feet, the third house from the corner on Houtt avenue, price \$2,500. Must have a good cash payment.

**NEW NORMAL SCHOOL**  
The last house in Lowest avenue, 8 rooms, modern, one lot, \$8,000, this home is well suited for a large family, who desires to attend the Normal school and high school.

**MISCELLANEOUS HOMES**  
Your attention will be called to these homes when you come to buy:—  
10 Rooms—Brick, Walnut Avenue, \$10,500.  
14 Rooms—Brick; Walnut avenue, \$5,500.  
10 Rooms—Brick; East Park, \$7,500.  
7 rooms—Brick; East Park, \$7,000.  
6 Rooms—Ridgeley avenue, \$3,250.  
6 Rooms—Hamilton, \$3,200.  
8 Rooms—Vermont Avenue, \$5,000.  
5 Rooms—Florida Avenue, \$3,000.  
6 Rooms, Maryland, \$4,000.  
4 Rooms, Bellevue, \$2,750.  
5 Rooms—Chestnut \$3,000.  
6 Rooms—Carrollton, \$3,000.  
6 Rooms—Lowell \$3,500.  
5 Rooms—Norval, \$2,600.  
8 Rooms—Pierpoint, \$5,500.  
4 Rooms—Monroe, \$2,100.  
6 Rooms—High, \$6,000.  
10 Rooms—Guffy \$7,500.  
10 Rooms—State, \$7,500.  
4 Rooms—Farmington, \$1,200.

**JACKSON STREET**  
Building location 52 foot frontage, \$1200.

**EAST PARK.**  
This addition of nearly 1,000 lots was developed in 1902—there are now hundreds of handsome homes and less than 100 lots for sale in this beautiful addition, in walking distance of Business center, East Park hugs the river and Monongahela Railroad. Lots \$500 to \$1500. Modern homes of 6 rooms, water, gas, electric lights, bath and basement, \$4,000 to \$5,500.

**BUSINESS**  
General Merchandise for sale.

**STATE STREET FRONTAGE**  
250 feet fronting State Street—fine for Garage or business of any kind at the remarkable low price of \$6,000—if taken the first of week.

**BELLVIEW BUNGALOW SITE**  
Three lots, overlooking Buffalo Creek in Bellview, lay fine outbuildings and fruit trees on the lots will sell the 3 lots on monthly payments at a price that anyone can afford to buy.

**GROCERY AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES**  
Located in Fairmont and in the suburbs. I am offering for sale established business enterprises.

**346 BLAINE STREET.**  
4 room cottage, good lot and good location. Small cash payment and easy payments.

**JAYENNE COTTAGE.**  
4 rooms and one acre of rough land on the car line at Jayenne Shop. \$100 cash and monthly payments.

**JACKSON STREET FRONTAGE.**  
52 feet, fronting on Jackson street, one of the best locations on the street.

**240 ACRE OHIO FARM**  
The owner a Fairmont business man will trade for improved property. This farm is located in North Western Ohio, is highly improved, good roads and good markets, the price is \$35,000.

**EDGWAY.**  
The new suburban dream, the best and most beautiful plan of lots that I have placed on the market, more than a score of handsome homes now constructed and immediately contemplated in this exclusive addition, located in the West End on Country Club Road, lots 40x120 feet all conveniences, prices \$300 up.

**FAIRMONT AVENUE**  
The South Side, a very limited number of homes for sale in this section of the city—No standard of values handsome homes from 6 to 10 rooms bring \$10,000—There are listed 8 homes of this class a good building location brings from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

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